

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title "WATER INTAKE RISER" and before line 1, insert the following priority claim:

---The present application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of PCT/EP2004/050345 filed March 22, 2004 claiming priority from European patent application 03251849.0 filed March 25, 2003, hereby incorporated by reference.---

On page 1, above line 1, but after the above priority claim, insert:

---FIELD OF THE INVENTION---

On page 1, between line 8 and line 9, insert:

---BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION---

On page 1, between line 16 and line 17, insert:

---SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION---

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 17-18, as follows:

---~~It is an object of the present~~ The invention is directed to provide a water intake riser having a simple and reliable design.---

On page 1, between line 28 and line 29, insert:

---BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS---

On page 2, between line 11 and line 12, insert:

---DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION---

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 9-15, as follows:

---Suitably, each tubular element 6 and 7 is provided with a cross-shaped internal 22 (see also Figure 2) having means 23 for securing the flexible load transfer element 16 to the internal 22. The cross-shaped internal 22 is suitably welded to the inner

surface of the tubular element 6 or 7 (shown as 13 in Figure 2). For the sake of simplicity the welds have not been shown.---

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 1-10, as follows:

---The riser-spacer 35 comprises interconnected guide sleeves 36, one guide sleeve 36 for each water intake riser 1. Bars 37 form the interconnection. Each guide sleeve 36 defines an aperture 40 (see Figure 4), which aperture 40 allows the elongated tubes 3 to pass freely through it and allows limited rotation of the elongated tubes 3 about a horizontal axis [[43]]. The horizontal axis [[43]] is an axis that is lying in a plane of symmetry of the riser-spacer 35, which plane is perpendicular to the direction of passage through the aperture 40.---

On page 5, after "C L A I M S" and before claim 1, line 1, insert:

---WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:---